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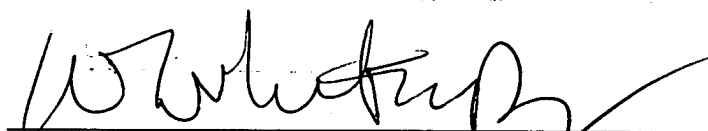
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6Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**Submission of Corrected Declaration**

Dear Sir:

Applicant herewith submits a corrected Declaration and Power of Attorney for filing in this case. The claim of priority in the previous Declaration was in error.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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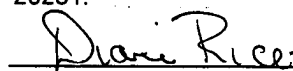
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